

authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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[Docket No. RP97-71-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

November 5, 1996.

Take notice that on November 1, 1996, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Corporation (Transco) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Third Revised Volume No. 1, the tariff sheets listed in Appendix A to that filing, to become effective December 1, 1996.

Transco states that the cost of service proposed in the instant filing is \$793,104,220, compared to a cost of service of \$710,024,010 underlying Transco's rates found just and reasonable in Docket No. RP92-137. Transco notes that since the effectiveness of the Docket No. RP92-137 case, it has filed a general rate case in Docket No. RP95-197, as to which settlements addressing issues including cost of service are currently awaiting Commission action. Transco also notes that the cost of service for Docket No. RP92-137 is not directly comparable to the cost of service in the instant case, due to the fact that certain Transco expansion projects, which increased cost of service but which did not require Transco to file a general Section 4 rate case, were placed into service after the effectiveness of the Docket No. RP92-137 case, i.e., September 1, 1992.

Transco states that the principal factors supporting the increase in cost of service are (1) an increase in rate base resulting from additional plant, and (2) an increase in operation and maintenance expenses.

Transco states that changes proposed in the instant filing compared to the pre-filed methods in place on the Transco system are principally: (1) allocation of 100% of the Hester Storage field cost of service to its system firm and interruptible transportation services; (2) allocation of Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes based on a net plant allocation; (3) capitalization of pipeline recoating expenses beginning May 1, 1997; (4) elimination of the "at-risk" certificate condition governing Transco's Mobile Bay facilities (although the instant case has been filed consistent with the "at-risk" condition); and (5) refunctionalization, pursuant to

a prior Commission order, of certain jointly owned transmission facilities to the gathering function.

Transco also states that its rates for firm backhauls are currently at issue in Docket No. RP96-211, and that the rates reflected in the instant filing are consistent with Transco's October 2, 1996 compliance filing in that proceeding.

Transco states that it is not making any proposals in the instant filing which are inconsistent with the Stipulation and Agreement filed on June 19, 1996, in Docket No. RP95-197, which was certified to the Commission on July 31, 1996 by the Presiding Administrative Law Judge in that proceeding.

Transco further states that the instant filing also proposes on a prospective only basis the following changes to the pre-filed methods: (1) roll-in of the costs of the Leidy Line and Southern expansion transmission facilities which currently are subject to incremental pricing; and (2) establishing rates for interruptible backhaul service equal to rates for interruptible forward haul service. Transco has included in Statement Q pro forma tariff sheets reflecting the interruptible backhaul rate proposal. These changes are proposed to be effective prospectively only after Commission approval.

Transco states that copies of the filing have been served upon its affected customers and interested State Commissions.

Any person desiring to be heard or to protect this filing should file a motion to intervene or protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Sections 385.214 and 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such motions or protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a motion to intervene. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

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Secretary.

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[Docket Nos. RP96-397-001 and RP95-425-002]

Transwestern Pipeline Company; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

November 5, 1996.

Take notice that on October 31, 1996 Transwestern Pipeline Company (Transwestern) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, Second Revised Volume No. 1, the following tariff sheets, with an effective date of November 1, 1996:

1st Revised Sheet No. 5B.03

Transwestern states that the purpose of this filing is to reduce the amount originally filed to be recovered in its TCR II, No. 2 filing made September 30, 1996, based on the Stipulation and Agreement filed in Docket No. RP95-271-003 on May 21, 1996 and an amendment filed in Docket No. RP95-425 filed July 18, 1996.

Transwestern states that this filing will reduce TCR II, No. 2 by \$159,121.09 and Transwestern is filing a tariff sheet to reflect this reduction in the TCR II surcharge.

Transwestern states that copies of the filing were served on its gas utility customers, interested state commissions, and all parties to this proceeding.

Any person desiring to protest said filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection.

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Secretary.

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Trunkline Gas Company; Notice of Filing

November 5, 1996.

Take notice that on November 1, 1996, Trunkline Gas Company (Trunkline) tendered for filing its Annual Interruption Storage Revenue Credit Surcharge Adjustment in accordance with Section 24 of the